

I support our country's current strategies in Iraq and Afghanistan because I believe we need to act decisively and responsibly to confront the challenges our country faces in those countries. We need to assist in supporting stable governments in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq that can sustain strong civil societies, and to help defeat the Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces. In Iraq, I continue to support efforts to responsibly shift our troops to counter-terrorist operations, the protection of the U.S. military and civilians, and the continued training and equipping of Iraqi security forces. While there are no perfect options with regards to these conflicts, I believe this is the most responsible course of action.

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